



YSIAC WRITING COMPETITION 2020

GUIDELINES

1. Eligibility

1.1 The Competition is open to any person who, on the deadline for submission, is:

- a) under 40 years old; and
- b) a member of the YSIAC.¹

2. Format

2.1 The participant may choose whether to write a brief for the Claimant or for the Respondent. The participants should anticipate the other side's arguments based on the competition materials and respond as they see fit.

2.2 Every brief must:

- a) be in English;
- b) be no more than 15 pages, double-spaced, in length (including appendices, footnotes, references, tables, etc.);
- c) be submitted in Word document format;
- d) be typed using Times New Roman font of a font size of at least 12 for the text and at least 10 for footnotes; and
- e) be double spaced.

2.3 The brief must be based on (a) the competition materials provided and (b) facts from "the real world" to be used as the participant sees fit.

2.4 The brief must be the original work of the participant, and must not have been previously published in any form. Joint entries are not permitted.

2.5 Only one entry per person is allowed.

2.6 Each brief must be submitted with a separate cover sheet containing the following information:

- a) Name;
- b) E-mail address;

¹ To join YSIAC, please visit <http://www.siac.org.sg/ysiac/about-us/how-to-join-ysiac>. Membership of YSIAC is free of charge.

- c) Mobile telephone number;
- d) Educational institution, organisation or employer of the participant.

2.7 The brief and cover sheet must be submitted as separate documents in the same e-mail. The brief will be assigned a unique identification number, and the cover sheet will be removed before submission to the judging panel.

2.8 Briefs must not contain any information which may identify the author.

3. Submission

3.1 All briefs should be submitted via e-mail to ysiac@siac.org.sg.

3.2 The deadline for submission is **11.59pm, 31 August 2020** (Singapore time). The deadline may be extended at the discretion of the YSIAC Committee. No entry will be accepted after the deadline.

4. Judging

4.1 The entries will be reviewed and shortlisted by the YSIAC Committee. The winners will be chosen by a panel of judges including members of the SIAC Board of Directors or SIAC Court of Arbitration.

4.2 All decisions of the YSIAC Committee and judging panel are final, and no appeal or other correspondence will be entertained.

5. Evaluation criteria

5.1 Competition entries will be judged on the following criteria (in no particular order) :

- a) originality;
- b) critical analysis;
- c) clarity;
- d) pragmatism;
- e) persuasiveness;
- f) structure of arguments;
- g) selection and use of relevant authorities;
- h) succinctness; and

- i) overall quality of writing

6. Prizes

- 6.1 The top Claimant brief and the top Respondent brief will each be awarded a cash prize of **SGD 3,000**.
- 6.2 The winners will also get the opportunity to roleplay as mock counsel and present their winning submissions orally at a YSIAC webinar to be held in October.

7. Disqualification

- 7.1 The award of all or any of the prizes lies solely within the discretion of the judging panel, including the right to refuse to award any prize if the panel concludes that no brief of sufficiently high academic quality has been submitted.
- 7.2 Entries may be disqualified if they do not satisfy any of the requirements set out herein.

8. Intellectual property

- 8.1 By participating in this competition, participants agree to assign exclusive copyright in the work to SIAC. SIAC shall be entitled to, without limitation, publish the briefs (or part(s) thereof) on the SIAC or YSIAC website, the YSIAC Newsletter, the Kluwer Arbitration Blog or any other publication (with due acknowledgement to the author), edit the entries for publication and make use of the briefs or extracts thereof in its promotional materials (among others), without permission from or further notice to the participant.

Please direct any queries or requests for clarification on the above to ysiac@siac.org.sg.